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CHILE'S RECENT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE 1976 MURDER OF FORMER  
FOREIGN MINISTER LETELIER REPORTEDLY IS CAUSING INCREASED CONCERN ON  
THE PART OF THE ALLEGED PERPETRATORS. THE GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED THE  
LETELIER FAMILY TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT CHARGING WITH THE MURDER  
MANUEL CONTRERAS AND PEDRO ESPINOZA, TWO FORMER SENIOR ARMY

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS UNDER US INDICTMENT; THE FILING EXTENDED THE  
STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BEYOND THE SEPTEMBER DEADLINE. PRESIDENT  
AYLWIN HAS APPOINTED A REPUTABLE PROSECUTING JUDGE TO REOPEN A  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO A FORGED PASSPORTS CASE TIED TO THE  
MURDERS. THE PROSECUTING JUDGE, WHO IS EXPECTED TO SUBPOENA THE  
OFFICERS, IS CONCERNED FOR HIS SAFETY.

COMMENT: CONTRERAS PROBABLY KNOWS THAT USING VIOLENCE WOULD  
FURTHER IMPLICATE HIM AND INVITE MORE AGGRESSIVE LEGAL ACTION. BUT  
HE MAY WELL USE HARASSMENT AND THREATS. BOTH OFFICERS PROBABLY  
REALIZE THAT, EVEN IF THEY ARE INDICTED, THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE  
PROTRACTED AND MAY BE STYMIED BY A SUPREME COURT STILL DOMINATED BY  
PINOCHET LOYALISTS, WHOM CONTRERAS MIGHT TRY TO INFLUENCE WITH NEW  
THREATS TO IMPLICATE PINOCHET IN THE MURDER.

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